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**"A STRANGE PHENOMENON"**

**Annie Pearl Asher**

**Poetry**

Rain, like pellets, dropped from the sky.  
No one said much, just sat watching the rain;  
A room filled with people, but no one saw him approach.  
Yet, suddenly, there he was, his figure filling the room;  
A stranger to us, out of his league and from another race.  
He stood there that day, incoherent and lost,  
Then wandered away as quickly as he'd appeared.  
That night, the front page story, "Local man missing."  
Next edition, "Missing man found in abandoned field."  
Now, years later, everyone in the room that day  
Still talks about it as if it were yesterday:  
The stranger, out of his league, and from another race,  
Who stepped out of a downpour  
Without a hat, without an umbrella, without a stain  
From the rain.  
His clean white shirt was crisp and dry,  
And his shiny black shoes still held their shine.  
Not a drop from heaven had touched his graying crown.  
And though a phenomenon never to be understood,  
It's a good conversation piece on a rainy night.

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